Closure Of Film Industry

6787: SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the film industry is facing closure due to steep hike in prices of raw film;

(b) whether a high-level delegation of film leaders have represented their case before the Government; and

(c) if so, the measure the Government propose to take to mitigate the problems faced by the film industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. However, the Government is seized of the problems plaguing the film industry due to video piracy, Cable Television networks, high price of raw films etc.

(b) and (c). The film industry had represented against the recent price hike of raw film announced by Hindustan Photo Films. The Government in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has entrusted the issue of evolving a pricing formula for Cine Colour Positive film to the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices and recommended abolition of basis plus auxillary duties on colour negative and colour positive raw stock to the Ministry of Finance.

Licences For Setting Up Of Sugar Factories In Maharashtra

6788. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of licences sanctioned for setting up of co-operative sugar factories in Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) whether financial institutions like RBI, IDBI and ICCI have refused to grant loans for the setting up of these factories stating that these factories are neither feasible nor viable;

(c) if so, whether any probe on the reasons for granting licences for these factories has been ordered;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) 36 Letters of Intent have been issued for setting up of new sugar factories in the State of Maharashtra during the last three sugar seasons viz; 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90.

(b) to (e) The Central Financial Institutions have been re-examining the viability of new sugar factories on account of the sharp increase in the project cost. The viability of a sugar factory depends on various factors such as cane price, free sale realisations, efficiency of processing etc. No probe has been ordered, but Government is examining all aspects of the matter.

12.00 hrs.

[English]

SHRI SHARAD DIGHE (Bombay North Central): Mr. Speaker, Sir I would like to raise a very serious problem with regard to the textile workers in Bombay. Nearly ten textile mills in Bombay are continued to he closed and twenty five thousand workers are jobless. Apart from this, 13 textile mills, which were taken over by the Government and which are run by NTC, they have also not